established as a result of explosives used for sandstone quarrying.

(b) to (d) Archaeological Survey of India has brought to the notice of the concerned authorities in the State to take necessary measures to stop quarrying in the vicinity of Centrally protected monuments. Relevant Notifications in this regard have been brought to the notice of the State Governments.

Unauthorised Gas Connections

3082. SHRI G.A. CHARAN REDDY : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the State Vigilance Department of Andhra Pradesh have unearthed an inter-state racket involved in the business of unauthorised gas connection with the connivance of the LPG dealers of Government Oil Companies;

(b) if so, the total number of people involved in such rackets;

(c) the action taken against those who are the LPG dealers for Government Oil Companies;

(d) whether it has been reported that there has been large scale involvement of officials from the Oil companies for supply of gas connections unauthorisedly;

(e) if so, whether these gas connections have been regularised; and

(f) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU) : (a) to (f) During the first week of June, 1997, Vigilance Cell of Civil Supplies Department, Andhra Pradesh had raided and arrested some persons at Vijayawada for alleged involvement in procuring forged/fake TVs of IOC/HPC/BPC. The forged/duplicate printing blocks for TVs of IOC/BPC/HPC along with rubber stamps of LPG distributorships of IOC/BPC/HPC were also confiscated. On further investigations, Vigilance had raided 23 distributorships in the State of Andhra Pradesh and suspended 12 distributorships who could have honoured such forged/fake TVs. On the basis of prima facie evidence, the authorities arrested nine managers of LPG distributorships. The officials of Andhra Pradesh advised State level coordinator of Andhra Pradesh to verify the details of termination vouchers which were alleged to be fake and supposed to be honoured by the distributors. The Civil Supplies officials of Andhra Pradesh have given time upto 15th August, 1997. Based on the verification of the details of the alleged fake termination voucher, further action is to be taken as per Marketing Discipline Guidelines. There is no report of involvement of the officers of IOC, HPC and BPC in the supply of gas connection unauthorisedly, so far.

SCs/STs In ITDC

3083. SHRI BAJU BAN RIYAN : Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether there have been a huge shortfall in all the reserve categories of posts for the SCs/STs in the ITDC Ltd.;

(b) if so, the vacancies remained unfilled till the end of the recruitment year 1996;

(c) the efforts made to wipe out the backlog vacancies;

(d) whether the ITDC has conducted special recruitment drive; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA) : (a) and (b) The categorywise details of reserved posts remaining unfilled at the end of recruitment year 1996 are given as under :

Group of posts	Shortfall at the end of recruitment year 1996	
	SC	ST
A	38	25
C	08	65
D	–	07
Total :	46	97

(c) to (e) With a view to filling up backlog of reserved, posts, a special recruitment drive exclusively for SCs/STs has been made by releasing advertisement in news-papers/ notification to Employment Exchange for 24 posts(13 SCs and 11 STs) in Group A and 32 posts (09 SCs and 23 STs) in Group C and D. In addition an advertisement for five posts (02 SCs and 03 STs) in Group A has also been released alongwith general candidates. The recruitment action is in progress.

[Translation]

Sardar Sarovar Award

3084. SHRI MANIKRAO HODLYA GAVIT : Will the

Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) the details of the funds provided under Sardar Sarovar Award by the Union Government to Maharashtra for the rehabilitation of the displaced persons since estalishment of Sardar Sarovar Award till-date, year-wise;

(b) whether the State Government are incurring expenditure from the State Fund/exchequer for the rehabilitation of these families; and

(c) the criteria proposed to be adopted for the utilisation of the funds provided under Sardar Sarovar Award by the Union Government ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI SIS RAM OLA) : (a) There is no provision in the Narmada Water Disputes Tribunal Award for financial assistance by the Union Government to participating States for the rehabilitation of the displaced persons of Sardar Sarovar Project.

(b) and (c) As per the Award of Narmada Water Disputes Tribunal, Gujarat shall pay to Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra all costs, charges and expenses required to be incurred by them for rehabilitation of oustees and oustee families in their respective territories. Further, all costs incurred by Gujarat on acquisition of land and rehabilitation of oustees in respect of Sardar Sarovar shall be charged to Sardar Sarovar Project Unit-II. Dam and Appurtenant Works.

Construction of Yatri Bhawan, M.P.

3085. SHRI CHANDRA VERMA : Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Governments had provided funds to the State Government four-five years back for the construction of Yatri Bhawan in Nemawar, District Dewas (Madhya Pradesh);

(b) the amount of funds provided and the name of agency by which this Bhawan was to be constructed and the period under which this construction was to be completed;

(c) the present position of this construction, whether the construction work of the said Bhawan has since been completed;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) whether any enquiry would be conducted regarding the negligence shown in the construction of the said Bhawan ?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA) : (a) and (b) During 1991-92, the Department of Tourism of Government of India sanctioned financial assistance of Rs. 11.75 lakhs to the Government of Madhya Pradesh for the construction of a Yatri Niwas at Nemawar. The Yatri Niwas was to be constructed by the State Tourism Development Corporation of Madhya Pradesh.

(c) to (e) State Govt. of Madhya Pradesh has informed that the project has not started due to non-receipt of clearance from Archaeological Survey of India.

[English]

Expenditure of Foreign Tours by I.T.D.C.

3086. SHRI AJAY CHAKRABORTY : Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) the details of expenditure incurred by India Tourism Development Corporation on foreign tours of its executives under various pretexts during the last three years; and

(b) the manner in which the ITDC was benefited by the foreign tours of its executives during last three years ?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA) : (a) The details of expenditure incurred on foreign tours by ITDC during the last three years are given below :

Year	Expenditure Incurred (Rs. in lacs)
1994-95	54.33
1995-96	47.27
1996-97	47.93 (Provisional)

(b) Foreign tours by the officials of ITDC are undertaken for sales promotion, business activities, training of human resource etc. which inturn generate business for the Corporation and enhances the skill/knowledge of the executives.

SC/ST in I.T.D.C.

3087. SHRIMATI GEETA MUKHERJEE : Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether reservations for SC/ST/OBCs on executive posts of General Manager and above levels in ITDC are being made and filled up as per the directives of the Government in this regard;